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Trial Beginning On Fate of Indian Settlement
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The fate of Yellow Thunder Camp, an Indian settlement established almost 20 months ago on federal land in the Black Hills, will be decided at a trial beginning Monday.

U.S. District Judge Donald O'Brien rejected motions Friday by lawyers for the Dakota American Indian Movement to delay or move the non-jury trial, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Reed Rasmussen.

The government wants a court order to evict the 40 to 50 American Indians and white sympathizers who live in teepees in the isolated camp on U.S. Forest Service land about 12 miles southwest of Rapid City.

O'Brien, presiding at a closed-door pre-trial conference in St. Paul, Minn., ordered the government to inform Yellow Thunder lawyers about any files that may have been kept on the camp by federal agencies including the FBI, CIA and U.S. marshal's office.

Rasmussen said the government may turn over some information in the files. If there is material the government wants kept confidential, it will ask the judge's permission to withhold it, Rasmussen said.

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